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TOPIC Military Activities of the 9th Tank Div. in the Riesa - Zeithain - Muehlberg Area 25X1

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- At 1630 on 29 July 1955, between 12 and 15 trucks and 1 crane truck were parked in the wooded section east of the Muehlberg road, approximately 1.5 km. north of Kreinitz. The road and the river-side meadows were heavily rutted by full-track vehicles. Two signboards at the edge of the wood pointed to a river-crossing point on the Elbe. A motor-boat was moored at a pier on the east bank. Apparently a tank unit had crossed the river on ferries. A KVP engineer unit, which carried out exercises with two ferries at that time, was probably involved in this exercise. At the bank, 10 pneumatic rafts were seen. At 0230 on 30 July, a unit presumably stationed in Oschatz moved from Riesa in the direction of Grossenhain. The unit included 4 trucks, each towing an AAA gun and carried 6 to 8 EM with red-bordered black epaulets, 6 to 8 trucks carrying EM with red-bordered black epaulets, 3 field kitchens, 5 trucks each towing a 850mm AAA gun and carrying 10 to 12 EM, 8 x M31 rocket launchers, 1 sedan, 1 jeep, 4 armored personnel carriers, 1 four-wheel armored personnel carrier. On 4 August, 2 four-wheel armored personnel carriers each carrying 1 machine gun, 1 officer and 5 EM with black-bordered red epaulets were seen west of the Muehlberg road. At approximately 0900, 3 sidecar motor vehicles arrived from the direction of Grossenhain. Groups of KVP soldiers carried out rowing exercises with poles. At approximately 1500 on 4 August, 2 motor boats were moored at the east bank of the Elbe River. 25X1
- At 0900 on 5 August, 22 to 25 trucks arrived from the direction of Grossenhain to Muehlberg pioneer training grounds. The trucks carried TMP-steel girders. This column included also 5 trucks carrying timber gratings, 2 trucks each towing a motor boat, 5 trucks each carrying 20 EM with black-bordered black epaulets, 1 repair-shop truck, and 1 field kitchen. 25X1
- At 1700 on 8 August, a KVP engineer unit, including 12 3-axle trucks loaded with TMP steel poles, steel girders, 5 empty trucks, and 1 crane truck, was seen. A section of the bridge was moored in the middle of the river. Several high-ranking officers and engineer soldiers were seen on the ferry. 25X1

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[redacted] amphibious car, 1 T-34/85 and 1 JSU without gun carrying 12 - 15 EM with red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia were seen parked. 25X1

4. The vehicles noticed on 29 July in the wooded section east of the Kreinitz - Muehlberg road had left; but, another unit had assembled in the wooded section west of Jacobsthal.

5. At approximately 0730 on 8 August, a column was seen which included 25 - 30 four-wheel armored personnel carriers, 20 sidecar motor cycles, 8 - 10 trucks carrying fuel containers, 2 trucks each towing a field kitchen, 2 tank trucks, 3 radio trucks, and 1 ambulance. Nine canvas-covered T-34/85 and approximately 40 EM with red-bordered black epaulets remained in the wooded section.

6. On 10 August, the KVP engineer unit was still in the training area. At approximately 1030, the four-section patrol train noticed on the [redacted] of trucks was practicing [redacted] consisting of 3 motor boats. At Krainitz, 1 US-1 amphibious car carried 1 major and two EM wearing black-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

7. At approximately 0330 on 10 August, 15 to 20 T-54s arrived from Oschatz at Zeithain training grounds. 25X1

[redacted] Comment. This information on training activities in the Riesa - Muehlberg area confirms previous reports. 25X1

[redacted]. Additional reports indicate that the training activities on the Muehlberg engineer training grounds involved units of the 9th Tank Div, a KVP engineer unit and presumably also engineer units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div, of the 11th Gds Tank Div, and/or of the u/i engineer regiment of the First Gds Mecz Army. These units probably practiced in rotation. 25X1

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